

Thou that makest thy boast of the law, through breaking the law dishonourest thou God?—Romans 2:23.

Monday Is An Important Date In Economic History Of This Area.

Without a doubt, one of the greatest decisions of the 20th century, affecting the future economy of this area, will be made Monday as the State Highway Commission decides on the route of the interstate highway into Tennessee.

The importance of the all-weather road down Pigeon River is already well known here in Haywood, as the matter has been termed our most urgent highway need for many years.

The history of this all-important road dates back 123 years, and the delay in its construction stems from first one thing to another. For years it was the East Tennessee Railroad right-of-way, then the proposed TVA dam on the river, followed by curtailment of road construction during World War II, and into the post war era where existing highways had to be repaired, all of which added up to delay after delay.

In December 1949, former Governor Cherry allocated \$450,000 to the project, upon the insistence of D. Reeves Noland, highway commissioner at the time. Later former Governor W. Kerr Scott added \$1,500,000 more to the project, and saw the initial 6-mile link of grading started. The contractors finished last December and moved out, just about the time the Tennessee Highway Commission asked that the highway down the Pigeon River be put on the interstate system. As Harry Buchanan, highway commissioner of this district, made the motion that North Carolina go on record approving the route for the interstate system, Commissioner J. F. Snipes of Marion objected in behalf of one of his counties, Madison, and some people in Buncombe. Thus the matter goes to the hearing set for Monday morning. The opponents to the Pigeon River Route are afraid of losing their Highway route numbers 70-25.

Haywood county has deserved, and needed the road down Pigeon River for more than 100 years. The request has always been for a road — just an all-weather road, so this area could get to the great midwest, and the great midwest could get into this section of Western North Carolina.

Now the time has come when we, of Haywood, Jackson, Swain, Cherokee, Clay, Graham, Macon, Transylvania, Henderson, Buncombe, and Polk must attend the hearing in Asheville Monday and by our interest and enthusiasm show the State Highway Commissioners that we need and must have the road down Pigeon River.

This road is not just a Haywood county project — it affects all Western North Carolina and the vast area to the south of us in South Carolina and Georgia.

So Monday is the time for all of us to be

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A Happy Solution For The Canton Viaduct.

The bill introduced in the General Assembly by Senator William Medford which would make the proposed Canton viaduct wholly a state project, seems to be a fair and practical solution to the problem which has been facing Canton officials and highway engineers for a long time.

Under regulations of the State Highway Commission, the Town of Canton would have to pay one-third of the cost of right-of-ways. The Town felt the Viaduct was more of a regional project than a Town enterprise, and therefore, felt they should not be called upon to share any of the costs.

Highway engineers have made an exhaustive survey around Canton and fail to find a practical route for a by-pass. Upon this statement, the decision of introducing the bill was made at the request of the Highway Commission.

There is not likely to be any opposition, and the bill will in all probability be enacted, thus enabling work to proceed on the viaduct.

With \$1,550,000 allocated by the late Governor Umstead for the project, it should not be long before work can get under way.

We do not recall a project as large, and as complicated as the viaduct where everyone kept a cool, broad outlook on the matter. Of course there were decided differences of opinions throughout, but at the same time, respect was held for those with opposite views. This speaks well for all parties concerned, and now it appears that a happy solution has been found in the introduction of special legislation.

Clean Up - Community Insurance For The Future.

Our Clean Up—Paint Up—Fix Up campaign is the event of the moment. Many fine things will be accomplished during this intensive campaign period. However, it is probable that much that should be attended to will be ignored and Clean Up will be a phrase forgotten until next year.

But Clean Up is not just "sprucing up" for the moment. Cooperation with the campaign is essential for the growth and betterment of our city. Blight — gradual deterioration of property and neighborhoods — threatens every complacent community.

Slum clearance programs demand a tremendous expenditure of time and money — more than most communities can afford to spend. Where slums exist we must act. But if we take advantage of it, we have the means to prevent their development.

By each one of us observing Clean Up — Paint Up — Fix Up Weeks we can successfully defend our city from the ravages of blight and look forward to greater achievements rather than repairing community and citizen neglect.

Blight — slums — can happen here. Clean Up—Paint Up—Fix Up is an investment which pays dividends. Do your part this week — for satisfaction now and growth in the years to come.

Among the many things we take for granted is power. Last Wednesday, following a storm, a transformer failed, and the power was off for about 45 minutes. There were many people who were somewhat disturbed, not realizing how many months they had had power 24 hours every day.

on hand in order to stand up and be counted as being whole-heartedly behind this great and important project.

TEN (HUNDRED THOUSAND BILLION) GALLON HAT



Looking Back Through The Years

20 YEARS AGO

Work begins on development of city park located between East and Howell Streets.

Little Miss Betsy Siler has birthday party at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Rufus Siler.

Paul Hardin, III, is mascot for senior class of Waynesville High School.

10 YEARS AGO

Glenn C. Palmer is named to represent North Carolina on an advisory committee of the Tennessee Valley Authority.

5 YEARS AGO

Richard Barber, Jr. is elected president of Rotary Club.

Frank D. Ferguson, Jr. is named member of Board of Elections as Jerry Rogers resigns.

Ray Whitner joins Waynesville Police Force.

Mrs. Millard Ferguson is new president of Crabtree Methodist Woman's Society.

Just Looking Around

By W. CURTIS RUSS

Without question, one of the most enjoyable birthday parties staged this year, was the observance of Albert Walker's 89th birthday a couple of Sundays ago, at his Crabtree home.

About 200 called during the day, but let's have Mr. Walker tell the story:

"It was on that cold Sunday — it was a whizzer. And I never saw so many pretty girls in my life, and I kissed them all.

"Now the folks are telling that I enjoyed that part of the party the most, and I can't deny that I did. Take Lawrence, my brother sitting over there, he laughs and tells that I got so excited I forgot my crutches. Well, now that is the truth, and it happened like this. I was talking to the girls, and not missing kissing a one of them. And at the very last I just got up and left my crutches. They say I went about for sometime without them, but I think they are kinda spoofing me. I admit I went a while without them."

About that time a bystander asked Mr. Walker if the last pretty girl he kissed was a redhead.

He studied a minute, then said: "I kinda believe her hair was kinda on the reddish side, but I kissed them all; I didn't pay much attention to the color of their hair."

Someone then asked if it were true that he was going to hold another birthday party in about a month.

"Gee, I'd like to, but I'm praying that the Good Lord will let me live to enjoy my 90th birthday, and even more.

"You know, when a fellow gets to be 89 and has so many friends to come to see him it is wonderful. I enjoyed seeing everyone. Some of them I had not seen for a long time. And while they laugh at me for getting around without my crutches, I guess there's a reason, when a fellow has that many friends coming to see him he forgets about his troubles. I declare unto you, it's a wonderful experience, and I'm looking forward to my 90th birthday. I'm mighty thankful I've been spared to live 89 years, and to have so many friends."

Perhaps the one real thing that is wrong with the younger generation is that a lot of us don't belong to it anymore.

The story is making the rounds that a certain fellow got a dollar too much in his pay envelope. He didn't say anything about it.

The next week the paymaster, detecting the error, deducted a dollar from the man's pay.

Hurriedly the man came in and said: "Say, I'm a dollar short."

"Yes, I know," said the paymaster. "You didn't complain last week when you had a dollar too much in your envelope."

"I know I didn't," was the answer, "a guy can overlook one mistake, but when it happens a second time, it's time to complain."

The preacher of a small church in a remote section of the country once preached a funeral service for one of the local characters and he explained the deceased's position in the community thusly:

"Now, he wasn't what you would call a good man, because he never gave his heart to the Lord; but he was what you'd call a respected sinner."

A recent inductee into the army was back telling the story of the private who had never had a rifle in his hands before, and was making a miserable mess of trying to hit (Continued on page 3)

Voice of the People

Do you think young people should be allowed learners' permits to drive at 15 1/2 years of age so that they may have more experience in driving before getting their drivers' licenses? (A learner's permit gives permission to drive with a licensed driver in the car and only in the day time.)

J. B. Smith: "Yes. Because 16-year-olds are better drivers than 36-year-olds if they are properly trained."

Miss Sylla Davis: "Yes. I think it is important to have training before hand if they are allowed to drive at 16."

Mrs. Perry Hardwick: "No. I think 16 is a little soon."

Mrs. Roy Parkman: "I am definitely in favor of it. It would make it easier for parents and children too and give the young people more experience before they reach the official driving age."

The Rev. James W. Fowler, Jr.: "I would favor that under the conditions you mention."

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By R. J. SCOTT

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Rambling 'Round

By Frances Gilbert Frazier

Besides the beautiful services, three things made a session on us Easter Sunday. First was the exceptionally large number of very small children who stayed for the church services, second, the extraordinarily quiet behavior and third, the number of "comers" in evidence that served as silencers. Either every child had had finished and passed it on to a neighbor.

These facts had us a bit confused and we are wondering whether a moral can be drawn from them. There was no doubt youngsters were entertained to the point of orderly quietude. What about the absorption of spiritual influence?

"Now is the time for all good men to come to the aid of their gardens."

Every time that one gets a fixation that things are going wrong, bowwows, up pops a contradiction that knocks the theory. As a habitual tuner-inner of radio, we are subjected to recorded music... the word "music" is used loosely as so-called variety would never be recognized as such. There when one wonders if the ears are so deadened by the volume that they do not catch the beauty of soft melodies.

Then comes the saddening thought that the present may have lost appreciation for good music, desiring only the doop crescendo notes that penetrate the skull with deadly force. And as we ponder, suddenly out of nowhere, slips a melody which is given such a rousing welcome that it stays around for weeks at the very topmost spot. Such "Melody of Love" which has delighted the public to the feeling of respect for tune lovers has returned in full force.

The higher one climbs on the ladder of fame, the more the full one must be of the next step.

Just about a month ago, we were gleefully announcing was half gone and soon lovely April would gladden our hearts with her warmth and beauty. Well, today we are about to say April is half gone and soon lovely May, with her garlanded breezes, will be with us. Thus far, April hasn't been any more to live up to the reputation we had placed about her and sorter scared to say too much about the approach of May. April still has two weeks and a day or two to redeem her put her back in our good graces... but she sure is going to work fast. Surely, May who has always been our staunch defender of wonderful notices about our climate, won't let us down. But, listen while I whisper a bit of advice:... don't pack too deep so that you can't haul them out if the occasional warmth.

Never before has the world needed Faith as they do

Advertisement for Senator Sam Ervin, featuring a portrait and the text 'SENATOR SAM ERVIN SAYS'.

WASHINGTON—On April 1, I flew to the Nevada Test Site with other members of the Armed Services Committee of the House and Senate for the purpose of witnessing an atomic explosion. It is my feeling that as a member of the Senate Armed Service Committee I should acquire as much first-hand information concerning matters of this kind as possible.

NEVADA TRIP
Atomic explosions are conducted in the Nevada Test Site under the supervision of the Atomic Energy Commission for the purpose of adding to our knowledge of the military effects and uses of atomic energy. As a consequence, the scientists in charge of these matters rightly insist that atomic explosions should not be had unless weather conditions are virtually ideal. For this reason, it is frequently necessary to postpone planned atomic explosions for days at a time when weather conditions are not suitable.

WEATHER CHANGED
At the time our party left Washington for the Nevada Test Site, the weather was suitable for conducting an atomic explosion. However, the weather changed while we were en route to Nevada and, by reason thereof, it became necessary to postpone the planned explosion. Hence, we were compelled to return to Washington, Tennessee, on the morning of April 4.

RECESS IN WASHINGTON
While Congress took a recess last week, we were in Nevada and, by reason thereof, it became necessary to postpone the planned explosion. Hence, we were compelled to return to Washington, Tennessee, on the morning of April 4.

They'll Do It Every Time

Cartoon by Jimmy Hatlo showing a man in a car with a map of the United States. Text includes 'MADRILENE AND MERCULES COVERED PRACTICALLY THE ENTIRE MAP ON THEIR VACATION JAUNT...' and 'BUT WHEN THEY GO TO TELL ABOUT IT... THEIR PALS ONLY TALK ABOUT THE FEW PLACES THEY MISSED!!'.

CROSSWORD

Crossword puzzle grid with clues for 'ACROSS' and 'DOWN'.